

SOME COLLECTIONS OF LEPIDOPTERA

It is often of interest and sometimes of importance to ascertain where a certain collection of Lepidoptera is located. English collectors are fortunate in having a book entitled "Where is the —— collection?" by Charles Davies Sherborn, which gives such information, but there is no similar work on American collections. Even a search of the literature often does not produce results. For that reason I am publishing this brief note respecting several collections acquired by me.

Part of the collection made by E. H. Blackmore of Victoria, British Columbia, was purchased during 1935; the collection, library and correspondence of Thomas E. Bean, were purchased in April, 1936. This collection was made, in part, at Galena, Illinois, but mostly at Laggan, Alberta. Bean was a correspondent of William Henry Edwards and supplied him with much of the data contained in the third volume of "The Butterflies of North America." The collection of Max Rothke of Scranton, Pennsylvania, was purchased in November, 1936; that of R. F. Sternitzky of San Francisco, California, in February, 1938; the collection of Owen Bryant, including his Arctic material, in January, 1941, and I also acquired the small local collection of Louis Doerfel of Newark, New Jersey.

Some of these collections are of considerable historic interest to lepidopterists and contained a number of types and paratypes. The types were given to The American Museum of Natural History. Most of the paratypes remain in my collection.—CYRIL F. DOS PASSOS.